The James A. Lewis House stands along the old road from Elkton to Warwick which runs within a hundred yards of the Delaware-Maryland line. This two and a half story five bay by one room center hall house differs only slightly from most with a gable end shed kitchen instead of a rear T or ell wing.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

FILE 1 NAME HISTORIC James A. Lewis House AND/OR COMMON 2 LOCATION STREET & NUMBER 2423 Telegraph Road CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITY, TOWN St. Augustine -3€ VICINITY OF COUNTY STATE Maryland Cecil CLASSIFICATION **CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE X**OCCUPIED \_\_DISTRICT \_PUBLIC \_\_AGRICULTURE \_\_MUSEUM X-BUILDING(S) X\_PRIVATE \_UNOCCUPIED \_\_COMMERCIAL \_\_PARK \_\_STRUCTURE ....ВОТН **\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS** \_\_EDUCATIONAL X\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE \_\_SITE **PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE** \_\_ENTERTAINMENT \_\_RELIGIOUS \_\_OBJECT \_IN PROCESS \_\_YES: RESTRICTED \_\_GOVERNMENT \_\_SCIENTIFIC \_YES: UNRESTRICTED \_\_INDUSTRIAL \_TRANSPORTATION \_\_BEING CONSIDERED \_\_MILITARY \_\_NO \_\_OTHER: 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY NAME Telephone #: Fred Williams STREET & NUMBER RD 1 STATE, Zip code CITY, TOWN Chesapeake City Marvland 21915 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Liber #: RRC 16 Folio #: COURTHOUSE. 537 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court STREET & NUMBER Cecil County Courthouse STATE CITY, TOWN Elkton Maryland 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE DATE \_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS STATE CITY, TOWN

EXCELLENT

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\_\_FAIR

#### CONDITION

\_\_DETERIORATED

\_\_\_RUINS

\_\_UNEXPOSED

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ORIGINAL SITE

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James A. Lewis House c. 1865 is a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story five bay by one room frame center hall house on Old Telegraph Road just north of the intersection with Cayots Corner Road. The house faces east with a north/south axis.

The house rests on a partial fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with asbestos siding over weatherboard. The steeply pitched roof is covered with composition tile. A central cross gable is flanked by gabled dormers.

The east (main) facade is a typical five bays across with a central entrance. The door and window surrounds have a thumb and astragal molding for a backboard and a slight corner bead. The shutters have been removed but the pintles remain. The front door is flanked by three light sidelights with a panel below and a four light transom overhead. A three bay front porch appears to be a much later addition. The cross gable has a 1/1 light as do the dormers. The eaves are extended with a boxed cornice across the front of the structure.

The gable ends are basically plain with four pane attic lights that flank the exterior chimney on the north side and an interior stuccoed stack on the south side.

The west (back) side of the house is primarily the same with the addition of an open shed porch with champhered posts.

The south side of the house is almost totally covered with a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story shed kitchen addition. Detailing remains basically the same and was probably built the same time as the house.

The interior was not fully seen but does reflect mid th late 19th century design.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Slight variations in the sequence of construction and its basic form differentiate this typical frame house from most that possess a rear T or ell kitchen wing. The house appears on only the later (1877) of the two Cecil County Maps and is enough to document its construction between 1858 and 1877. James A. Lewis is listed as living near St. Augustine on the 1877 patron list.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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